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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to communication filed on 9/24/08. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 1 is pending on this application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 2 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boariu et al (US6865237) in view of El-Gamel et al (US701053).

Re claim 1, Boariu teaches receiving content for transmission (receiver 302 in fig. 3) from a plurality of three or more transmit antennae (antennas 314, 316, and 318 in fig. 3); and

generating a rate-one (col. 12 lines 51-53), space-frequency code matrix (col. 12 lines 38-50) from the received content for transmission via the plurality of three or more transmit antennae (antennas 314, 316, and 318 in fig. 3).

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Boariu fails to teach a method wherein the plurality of three or more transmit antennae provide full space-frequency diversity of $M*N*L$, where M is number of transmit antenna, N is number of receiver antenna, L is order of frequency selective channel. However El-Gamel teaches providing full space-frequency diversity of $M*N*L$ (col. 3 lines 35-37, col. 13 lines 10-29, Table 3), where M is number of transmit antenna (L_T in table 3), N is number of receiver antenna (Boariu teaches using 1 receive antenna in fig. 3), L is order of frequency selective channel (L_{ISI} in Table 3).

Therefore taking the combined teachings of Boariu and El-Gamel as a whole, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the step of El-Gamel into the method of Boariu. The motivation to combine El-Gamel and Boariu would be to advantageously maximize spatial and temporal diversity (col. 3 lines 41-42 of El-Gamel).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEON-VIET Q. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)270-1185. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, alternate Friday off, 7:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Payne can be reached on 571-272-3024. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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